

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/6/05 and interview on August 2, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3,9-12,20 and 25-29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with George Wallace on August 2, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3 A sign comprising:

a housing:

a cover having at least one cover cutout: and

at least one symbol plate ~~adapted to~~ removably attached to said housing in at least two orientations relative to said housing, the at least two orientations including a first position and a second position that is 90 degrees to the first position;

wherein said at least one symbol plate includes a visual representation of at least one symbol, said cover is adapted to attachably engage said housing with said at least one symbol plate disposed between

said cover and said housing when said cover is engaged with said housing the at least one cover cutout is oriented to expose the visual representation of the at least one symbol; wherein said housing includes at least one slot, and said at least one symbol plate includes at least one tab adapted to attachably engage said at least one slot.

Claim 9. A sign, comprising

- a housing;
- a cover having at least one cover cutout;
- at least one symbol plate ~~adapted to~~ removably attached to said housing in at least two orientations relative to said housing, the at least two orientations including a first position, and a second position that is 90 degrees to the first position; and
- a deluxe plate having at least one deluxe plate cutout; wherein said at least one symbol plate includes a visual representation of at least one symbol, said cover is adapted to attachably engage said housing with said at least one symbol plate disposed between said cover and said housing, when said cover is engaged with said housing, the at least one cover cutout is oriented to expose the visual representation of the at least one symbol, said deluxe plate is adapted to attachably engage said housing

with said at least one symbol plate and said cover disposed between said deluxe plate and said housing, and wherein, when said deluxe plate is engaged with said housing, the at least one deluxe plate cutout is oriented to expose the visual representation of at least one symbol; wherein said housing includes at least one slot, and said at least one symbol plate includes at least one tab adapted to attachably engage said at least one slot.

Claims 6, 14, 21, and 22 have been canceled.

Claim 20 A sign, comprising

a housing;

a cover having at least one cover cutout;

at least one symbol plate ~~adapted to~~ removably attached to said housing in at least two orientations relative to said housing; and

a deluxe plate having at least one deluxe plate cutout;

wherein said at least one symbol plate includes a visual representation of at least one symbol, said at least one symbol plate includes at least one symbol plate cutout that provides the visual representation of the at least one symbol said housing includes a light source that emits light waves, of at least one color, and that pass through

at least a portion of the at least one symbol plate cutout when said at least one symbol plate is attached to said housing, said cover is adapted to attachably engage said housing with said at least one symbol plate disposed between said cover and said housing, when said cover is engaged with said housing, the at least one cover cutout is oriented to expose the visual representation of the at least one symbol, said deluxe plate is adapted to attachably engage said housing with said at least one symbol plate and said cover disposed between said deluxe plate and said housing, and wherein, when said deluxe plate is engaged with said housing, the at least one deluxe plate cutout is oriented to expose the visual representation of the at least one symbol;


wherein said housing includes at least one slot, and said at least one symbol plate includes at least one tab adapted to attachably engage said at least one slot.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cassandra Davis whose telephone number is 571-272-6642. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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